

### Green Team (GT) Notes from February 17, 2011 --Thanks everyone.

*Attendees— Carmen Holtzman, Susan Amarello, Kevin Sullivan, KC Alexander, Kim Trella , Mary Sherwin, Scott Brandon, Connie Mendolia, Roslyn Reeps, Nan Peckham, Judy Singer, Terry Parker, Maritza Pagan, Robin Bennett, Judy Prill, Kim Czapla, Mark Latham, Katie Dagon, Jenn Weymouth, Sherill Baldwin*

1. Participants brought in goodies to share and we did a live demo of the new “Green Meeting Pak”—plates, forks, and mugs that are available for small gatherings in the department.
2. Announcements:
  - *Greening America's Capitals* - Mary provided information on a workshop she attended, along with Chris Malik from Water. It included technical assistance by urban planners and landscape architects to develop a plan for high-quality green infrastructure (rain gardens, bio-swales) development. Hartford is receiving assistance to re-imagine a mile-long portion of Capitol Avenue, a focal point of the city that includes the Connecticut State Capitol and Legislative Office Building, the State Library, the Supreme Court, and the State Armory, as well as residential and retail areas.
  - *State Electronics Challenge Annual Report for 2010*— DEP submitted its annual report detailing purchases, operational and management practices, and end of life for DEP electronics. Some results: 1) DEP made progress through the state contract for purchase of computers. At our request, DOIT has incorporated environmentally preferable standards (known as EPEAT) into the bid for Personal Computers. They had previously included it in purchases for Notebooks; 2) DEP still does not enable Energy Star on its computers; and, while DEP has a policy to set copiers and printers to default only about 2/3 do, according to Green Team estimates from surveying the equipment by floor; and 3) DEP utilizes the state surplus system and end of life contract to dispose of its computers through reuse and/or recycling; however, the contract does not match the higher standards for ensuring proper environmental and social justice practices now required by the SEC.
3. Next steps for DEP Open House – primary audience is state agencies and municipalities, with a secondary focus on business institutions; date is still up in the air while the new Commissioner transitions into the agency; possible dates would be the couple of weeks after April 21 (before May 16 – 20). Mary and Connie will work with Communications on finalizing date. In the meantime we can work on some of the other tasks, including:
  - Forming a committee (volunteers included Katie Dagon, Roslyn Reeps, Jenn Weymouth and/or KC Alexander). We can meet on Mondays or Thursdays and will set up the first meeting for the beginning of March.
  - Recruiting volunteers to help out the day of the event (so far Mark Latham, Carmen Holtzman, Judy Singer, KC, Sherill volunteered, but we will need others)
  - Getting e-mail lists of who to invite - Dennis Schain has a list that was compiled for the new municipal newsletter and we can put an announcement in the

newsletter and get this event mentioned when Dennis sends out other e-mails. (Does this list also include state agency contacts?) Tom Metzner has list of Regional Planning agency contacts. Also, may want to use Environmental Leaders list serve, Green Drinks Groups. Need to include DPW, facilities staff, planning and zoning, and any business and agency green teams. (Anyone know how we can find out about these?)

- Determine how many conference rooms we will need (most likely would be Russell, Holcombe, 4B, 6C, maybe B1, Ensign). Once date is set, reserve Phoenix and conference rooms.
- We will need volunteers to compile data on cost savings for the following:
  - ReSupply Center (e.g., estimate costs of items reused)
  - Energy Savings
  - Waste Disposal Savings
  - Paper Use Savings
  - Green Purchasing savings from the 2010 training

4. Connie gave a brief update on the Greening Parks Initiative.